

RESOLUTION #19-87
RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION
FOR DEDICATED SERVICE

MARY KOZUB

McHenry County Conservation District
Officers and Board of Trustees
Unanimously Adopted on
December 19, 2019

WHEREAS, McHenry County Conservation District owns and manages over 25,600 acres of open space and 35 conservation areas; 59 miles of regional trails that provide access to more than 115 miles of an integrated trail network; acts to restore its lands to their ecological health; offers educational programs which encourage appreciation of the natural environment and a fundamental understanding of the environmental ethic; and develops its lands for the safe quiet enjoyment and interests of McHenry County residents; and

WHEREAS, the District is supported in its efforts by many dedicated staff and volunteers, who engage in a variety of activities including protection of natural resources and the flora, fauna and people who share them, site and facility maintenance and improvement, natural area restoration, trail clearing and monitoring, wildlife monitoring and care, environmental, historical and cultural interpretation, educational outreach programs and many other endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Mary Kozub began with the District May 5, 1999 as the Education Outreach Program Coordinator at the newly created Prairieview Education Center within the Education Services Department of the Conservation District; and

WHEREAS, Mary Kozub has been sharing her passion for the natural world with program participants of all ages for over 20 years; and

WHEREAS, Mary Kozub regularly presented outreach programs, youth and adult programs, school field studies, and special request programs to over 4,000 people annually; and

WHEREAS, Mary Kozub provided strong support for the Trail of History for many years (1999-2013) running the Indentured Servant Station with an iron hand and a velvet glove, through good times and bad, during the annual three-day event; and

WHEREAS, Mary Kozub created and nurtured many community partnerships, including her outreach to the Latino community through the Youth and Family Center of McHenry County and her work with the Union and Marengo Lions Clubs to align their pancake breakfasts with the District's popular Festival of the Sugar Maples; and

WHEREAS, Mary Kozub developed many new educational programs and activities, including the STEEM event for families, the Geology on the Ridge, field study for schools, the OAKtober Planting Party and many other unique public programs; and

WHEREAS, Mary Kozub facilitated the District's involvement in the grant-funded Earth Partnership for Schools, training teachers and providing support for their schoolyard habitat projects for many years; and

WHEREAS, Mary Kozub has decided to retire from her position effective January 3, 2020.

LET IT BE RESOLVED: That the Officers and Board of Trustees of the McHenry County Conservation District hereby express and convey their deep and sincere gratitude and heartfelt appreciation to Mary Kozub for her continued dedication to the Mission of the District, and that this Resolution be incorporated into the official records of the District, and that Mary Kozub receive recognition through this resolution.

IN WITNESS WHERE OF, we have hereunto subscribed our names and affixed the seal of the District, this 19th day of December, 2019.



Vern Scacci, President

Dave Brandt, Vice President

John Henning, Treasurer



Carolyn Campbell, Secretary

Patrick Fritz, Trustee

William Cook, Trustee

Linda Thomas, Trustee